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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper responds to the Official Action (restriction requirement) dated June 13, 2008. Applicants request a five month extension of time to extend the time to respond to December 13, 2008, thus making this response timely filed. The PTO is authorized to invoice deposit account No. 50-1283 for the fee required for the extension of time. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.